

About 13 per cent of all traffic fatalities in cities, and about 40 per cent of all rural traffic fatalities do not involve a collision, says the Automobile Club of Southern California. Records show that running off the road accounts for more traffic fatalities than highway collisions.

The largest living plant in the world is the wild box huckleberry plant of eastern Pennsylvania. A single plant rambles over from two to three acres of ground. It is also considered to be the oldest plant, as it is estimated to be 11,000 years old.



MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUET . . . in striped cotton emphasizes the new style trends of high bustline detailing, long torso, and full skirts. The colorful cottons are charming selections from the summer collection by Jean Durain, California designer.

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Fashion Notes

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Young World Takes Cue From Mother's Fashions

Little misses from six to sixteen are taking their fashion cue from mother's important new style trends. The youthful fashion world is picking up such innovations as the longer torso, fitted and flared, or straight and narrow, in all the exciting colors of the current season.

For the ice cream cone set and the coke crowd, longer waistlines, back belts, pale tweeds, and lots of pleats are "in."

Sub-Teens Like Variety
Variety with a capital "V" is emphasized by the sub-teens as they demand the conversation-provoking prints in cottons, liny cottons, silked fabrics, and all the newcomers being shown. A popular trend is the combination of the prints with a solid color taken from the design.

Full skirts, the ever-popular pinafore, and slim coats or dusters, to compliment slender frocks are more variations that bring cheers from the young world.

Another trend noted in many teen and sub-teen groups is the "must-match" idea. This is difficult on the family budget, especially if Mom is not a dressmaker. The demand for matching shoes and other accessories has been met by the manufacturers with numerous pastel and aniline calf colored flats and sandals; handbags, and a more-than-ever colorful selection of costume jewelry.

The "unichrome" idea has really caught on with the younger set, but if they run true to form, next year will find them combining colors as never before.

Look-Alikes Popular
Mother-daughter fashions are popular with the young matrons and the toddler to sub-teen group. These are especially suited to summer fashions with all the innumerable possibilities offered by colorful cottons for casual and swimwear.



—Press photo.
INVITATION to the 2nd annual JayCee-sponsored Community Fair this summer is extended by these two lovely lasses, first to sign up for the ticket-selling contest which will determine the Queen of the Fair selection. They are Mrs. Norma Prange, 27, sponsored by the North Torrance Civic association, and Miss Carolyn Sue Duncan, 18, (r) sponsored by the Loyal Order of the Moose and the Women of the Moose.

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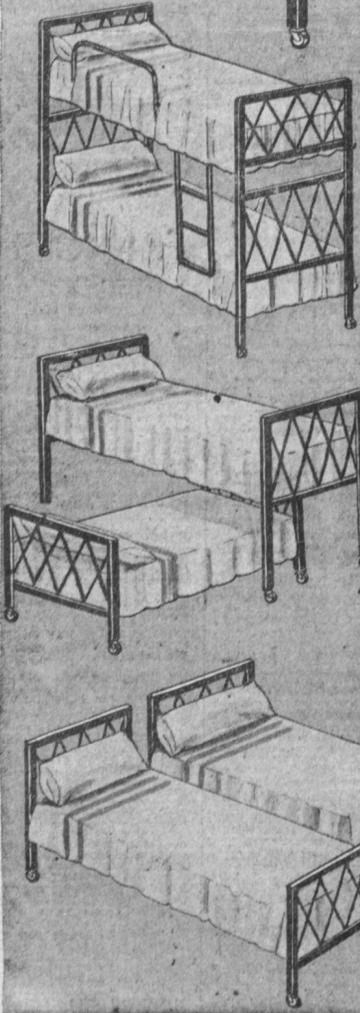
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Local Play Rousing Success

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

One of the most remarkable performances ever presented by a Little Theatre group greeted Torrance residents who attended the three showings of ACCENT: Theatre's "Night of January 16th" last week-end.

The action of the play takes place entirely during the trial of the beautiful Karen Andre, accused of murdering her boss and lover, tycoon Bjorn Faulkner. The audience is actually part of the courtroom scene.

Distinguished Performance

All members of the cast are Torrance residents. Some have had previous acting experience. Others have not. So splendid was the over-all performance, however, that it was virtually impossible to distinguish between professionals and amateurs.

In the best tradition of good theater, the cast succeeded in communicating such realism to their roles that this reviewer at least forgot that he was watching a play and was completely absorbed by the immediacy of the events.

Since many individuals, both actors and those responsible for the production of the play, are deserving of special recognition, we refrain from singling out anyone in particular, simply commending one and all.

This Week-end

"Night of January 16th" will be shown again this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the Torrance YWCA, Carson and Plaza del Amo.

We urge everyone who has not seen it and loves a good story, a good play, and good acting to attend.

New Homes Historic Milestone

The new community, Southwood Homes, developed for veterans, by the Kauffman-Wilson building organization at Hawthorne and Sepulveda, marks another milestone in Southern California history.

The property, recently purchased from the Del Amo Estate company, is out of the hands of the original land grant family for the first time since the grant from the king of Spain in 1784.

An interview with officials of the Del Amo Estate company determined this, together with the fact that this is part of the original Dominguez grant. The marriage of the late Susanna Dominguez, descendant of Juan Dominguez, who obtained the grant, to Dr. Gregorio Del Amo brought about the transfer from the Dominguez estate to the Del Amo estate.

The purchasers of the Kauffman-Wilson homes will therefore be the second families to settle on this land.

1900 Homes

Approximately 1900 homes will be built at Southwood Homes, according to Lee Hallson, sales manager. Those now under construction have three bedrooms, two baths and two-car garages. Twenty-five different elevations are offered, based on eight floor plans.